



Governor's Advisory Council to the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Chapel – Herman M. Holloway, Sr. Campus

March 15, 2018 9:00 a.m. – 11:00am

Members Present: Patricia Ayers, Helena Carter, Thomas Hall, Patricia Hill, Ira Kalbrosky, Devon Manning, Jim Martin, Daniel Meadows and Susan Phillips

Members Excused: George Meldrum

Members Absent: Jack Akester, Robert Daniels, Andrea Guest, Janice Jolly, and Joanna Rieger

Associate Members Present: James Lark and Bruce Lorenz

Associate Members Excused:

Associate Members Absent: Florence Alberque, Lynn Fahey, Lisa Furber, Dan Hoeftman, Edie McCole, John McKenna, and Charles Sygowski

Interested Parties Present: Elizabeth Booth, Larry Kirksey, Willard Heuser. Amy Kevis, Elizabeth Romero, Greg Valentine, Norman Vetter, Clarence Watson, Jordan Weisman, Lisa Snitzer, Cara Sawyer, and Pamela Daisey

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order/Introductions	Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 9:05am and welcomed everyone in attendance. Meeting participants were invited to introduce themselves and share their affiliation.	
Review and Approval of Minutes		January's minutes were approved.
Chairman's Report	Chairman Jim Martin introduced Larry K. Larry told his life story of how he became a veteran in recovery. Larry shared how he was able to receive treatment that ultimately led to him living a life in recovery. He thanked Connections, Recovery Innovation (RI), and Fellowship Health Resources (FHR) for all their help over the years.	

	Chairman Jim Martin introduced Pam D. from FHR. She gave an overview of FHR services. FHR has services for over 7,000 individuals across 7 states. Some on the services they offer Residential group living, IOPs, ACTs, Peer Recovery, outpatient counseling, and mobile outpatient services for children, youth, and families.	
Director's Report	<p>Director Elizabeth Romero reported DSAMH had a JFC presentation. Director Romero reports there is work underway to catalog DSAMH systems to ensure the goals are met for this agency. There is some confusion in accessing DSAMH systems. Susan Holloway will be in a new role to make entry into these systems clearer and accessible. Cara Sawyer is the new Deputy Director of DSAMH. Chairman Romero reported there is a RFP out for the "Centers of Excellence" model which is about improving the entire system. . It is open to any of our providers in the state. This is a model ensuring wherever you have a crisis in the state of Delaware, you'll have a peer recovery coach within 24 hours. The plan is to have 3 – 4 centers. DPC is being looked at as a possible site. Wraparound services are being looked at that includes housing, employment, and transportation. DSAMH is starting an "Inclusion" program with Temple University in June.</p> <p>Dr. Clarence Watson reported that DSAMH now has an addiction psychiatrist her name is Dr. Sherry Nykiel. She will help DSAMH deal with the opioid epidemic. Dr. Nykiel will also help with the Centers of Excellence.</p>	

Standing Committee Reports:		
DPC Advisory Committee	Norm Vetter reported the DPC Advisory Committee met on yesterday and Norm thanked Susan Phillips for attending. The committee reviewed their performance initiatives from earlier this year. Data was reviewed and the meeting was very positive and energizing. Susan Phillips applauded DPC and their continuing efforts. The next Advisory Committee is May 9, 2018.	
Children's Committee	No report given due to the lack of committee representation.	
Employment Committee	No report given due to the absence of committee representation	
Membership Committee	Chairman Martin asked Trish Hill to serve as vice chair of the GAC. She gave a brief introduction of herself. The council voted and Trish will serve as vice-chair of the GAC.	
Community Services Committee	No report given due to the absence of committee representation.	
Budget Committee	No report given due to the absence of committee representation.	
Old Business	None	
New Business	The budget has already been submitted but on 2/22/2018 DSAMH had an opportunity to present what their plans are for the budget to the Joint Finance Committee in the Legislature.	
Public Comment	None	
Meeting Adjourned	A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50a.m.	The committee approved the adjournment.